

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AT CHARLESTON
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3-13

By the Governor

WHEREAS, West Virginia's system of public education must take into account the specific workforce needs of the State's businesses and industries, and incorporate occupational training and life skills into the curriculum at the grade and higher education levels to prepare students for entry into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia's public agencies must assist its educators in identifying the employment and training needs of the State's businesses and industries, and in developing effective strategies to educate students to fulfill those needs; and

WHEREAS, a well-educated and trained workforce is vital to the success of the businesses and industries in this State, and will make positive contributions to the economies of this State and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of West Virginia is committed to integrating, to the extent practicable, West Virginia's education, workforce development, and economic development efforts to ensure the State's businesses and industries will remain competitive in the increasingly global economy of the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7-06 of the Governor of West Virginia established the 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of West Virginia to promote a seamless system

of early childhood through adult education encompassing workforce training and lifelong learning to complement the State's job creation and economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 12-07 of the Governor of West Virginia established the West Virginia Workforce Planning Council to support the mission of the 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Workforce Planning Council created by Executive Order No. 12-07 was charged with coordinating initiatives, leveraging resources and planning for the delivery of a comprehensive workforce strategy to ensure an integrated and strategic approach for meeting the educational and training needs of West Virginia's businesses and industries and enhancing the State's economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Workforce Planning Council was also charged with serving as the State-level point of coordination for relevant external grant opportunities including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Labor Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development ("WIRED") Initiative and the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education grant program; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3-08 of the Governor of West Virginia modified the composition of the 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of West Virginia to include additional public stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent and efficient to rescind Executive Order No. 7-06, Executive Order No. 12-07, and Executive Order No. 3-08, terminate the 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of West Virginia, and merge its duties into a newly reconstituted West Virginia Workforce Planning Council that will—as a single and independent entity—study and work toward integrating and coordinating West Virginia's public education, workforce development, and economic development efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **DECLARE** and **ORDER** that:

1. Executive Order No. 7-06 establishing the 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of West Virginia is hereby rescinded.

2. Executive Order No. 12-07 establishing the West Virginia Workforce Planning Council is hereby rescinded.

3. Executive Order No. 3-08 modifying the composition of the 21st Century Jobs Cabinet of West Virginia is hereby rescinded.

4. The West Virginia Workforce Planning Council (hereinafter, "the Council") is hereby reestablished and reconstituted in the manner set forth below to operate as a collaborative unit to coordinate initiatives, leverage resources, and plan for the delivery of a comprehensive workforce strategy that ensures an integrated and strategic approach in meeting the educational and training needs of West Virginia's employers and students, and enhancing the economic development efforts of this State.

5. The Council shall consist of the following individuals:

- (a) The Governor or his designee;
- (b) The Chancellor of the Council for Community and Technical College Education;
- (c) The Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission;
- (d) The Secretary of Education and the Arts;
- (e) The Executive Director of Workforce West Virginia;
- (f) The Director of the West Virginia Development Office; and
- (g) The State Superintendent of Schools or his designee.

6. The Governor or his designee shall chair the Commission.

7. The Council shall have access to all relevant data and information as part of its coordinating efforts.

8. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation. Each member of the Council is entitled to be reimbursed by their employing agency for reasonable actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties in a manner consistent with guidelines of the travel management office of the Department of Administration.

9. The Council shall meet at least once a month at times and locations to be determined by the Chair in consultation with Council members.

10. The Council shall make a report to the Governor and the Legislature on its activities by the first day of December each calendar year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the third day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen, and in the One Hundred Fiftieth year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin
GOVERNOR

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Natalie E. Emmert
SECRETARY OF STATE